



Holy Cross, Ashton Keynes

St. Sampson's, Cricklade

St. John's, Latton

All Saints', Leigh

Some information to help you make arrangements for your wedding

Wedding preparation evenings - these have been much appreciated and enjoyed by all the couples that attend so please don't be daunted at the prospect! We expect all couples to come and they are usually held in either May or November - details will be given to you when you book.

Reading the banns: Normally marriage is preceded by the calling of banns both in the parish in which you are marrying and in your home parish(es) if one or both of you lives in another parish. You must see the vicar of the other parish three months before the wedding to organise having the banns read and when this has happened you must let us have the certificate. Banns will be read in this parish automatically two months before the wedding. It isn't compulsory to hear your banns but is a good opportunity to attend the church and a wise precaution to make sure they are being read! It is a legal requirement that your banns are read in our church (which will happen automatically) and in the parish in which you live. Without a banns certificate proving they have been read we cannot marry you, so please make sure you organise this.

If neither you nor your fiancé(e) live in the parish and are not eligible by virtue of your connection with the parish to be married by banns (this will be explained when you book your wedding) please make sure that you understand the regulations that govern marriage in your case. There are other ways of getting married in the church you have chosen but again we need to make sure that you fulfil the legal requirements. If you cannot be married by banns please make sure you receive the appropriate sheet giving you more information.

Meeting with the minister who is taking your marriage. Weddings are taken by our Associate Minister, Revd Shirley Danby or if she is unavailable another ordained minister; you need to meet with whoever is taking your wedding to plan the service together and have an informal chat. Please contact the parish office (sueclover.clover @googlemail.com) to find out who is taking your wedding. Ideally you should arrange your meeting about two months before the wedding.

Wedding rehearsal If you want a rehearsal this will be arranged when we meet. It will usually be in the week preceding the service.

Practical Details

- **Flowers.** To gain access for flowers and to help the church with arranging their flowers, whether or not you're having a florist, please contact:
 - **Ashton Keynes:** Shirley Massey 01285 861382
 - **Cricklade:** Val Atkinson 01793 751224
 - **Latton:** Jean Richardson 01793 752047
 - **Leigh:** Suzi Tipper 01793 750778
- **Confetti** - please only use biodegradable confetti in the churchyard and keep it away from the church doorway
- **Music** -
It is a good idea to contact the organist Sarah Townsend:
sarah.townsend2@virgin.net or on her mobile 07860439146 to discuss the music you would like for entering and leaving the church and during the signing of the registers. Please see notes on the service information sheet. After you've spoken to the person taking your wedding you need to let Sarah know the final choice of music including hymns.
- **Photographs** we ask that photographs are only taken by the congregation during the processions in and out. Your official photographer will talk to the minister taking the service and will be able to take non-flash photographs during the service and at the signing of the registers.

You will find separate information sheets about the costs associated with a church wedding, and information which we hope will help you plan your service, all of which will be discussed when we meet.